

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Rewrite the paragraph beginning on Page 5, Line 7 as follows:

The weight per unit length along the circumference ~~circumferential length~~ of tube 38 (called the "mass distribution") is not uniform. Instead, the mass distribution has localized, heavy circumferentially extending ~~circumferential~~ portions separated by lighter circumferentially extending portions. This variation in mass distribution is partially due to variations in wall thickness, i.e., to variations in thickness across the width of the sheet from which the tube is formed.

Rewrite the paragraph beginning on Page 5, Line 12 as follows:

Fig. 4 shows the mass distribution of tube 38 along the circumference of the tube. The weight per unit length at the location of the weld seam 40 and in the immediate vicinity of the weld seam 40 in both angular directions is greater than at any other location on the circumference. However, the relatively large mass distribution at the weld seam 40 extends over a short circumferentially extending ~~portion of the circumference length~~ portion of the circumference ~~circumferential length~~. In the region 42 along another circumferentially extending portion of the circumference ~~circumferential length~~, diametrically opposite the location of the weld seam 40, the weight per unit length is larger than at other circumferentially extending portions of the circumference ~~tube's circumferential length~~ located between the weld seam 40 and the region 42. Although the weight per unit length of the region 42 is less than the peak magnitude near the weld seam 40, the length of the circumferentially extending ~~circumferential length of~~ portion 42 is much greater than the length of the concentrated mass distribution in the vicinity of the weld seam 40. The center of balance of the tube 38 is located on or near the diameter that passes through the weld seam 40, and it is located closer to region 42 than to the weld seam 40. Therefore, the heavy side of the tube 38 is opposite the weld seam 40. This information is used to assist in balancing the driveshaft assembly.